THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The Government is aware that Pakistan has planned to develop and co-produce J-17 aircraft with the help of China for introduction in service.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government keeps a close watch on the developments taking place in the region and takes appropriate measures for the security of the country.

Purchase of C-130 Transport Helicopters

1096. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is going to purchase C-130 Transport Helicopters from U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the details of such deals for the last three years, what is the present status of such deals and for how many crores of U.S. dollars contracts have been signed; and

(c) for how much amount of money India has signed agreements with other countries; the details thereof including their name and amount of contract signed with them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) A Letter of Request has been sent to the Government of USA regarding C-130 J aircraft. No contract for procurement has been signed.

Ill treatment of army personnel by officers

1097. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that army personnel are being humiliated and mistreated by their senior and superior officers, resulting in increase in suicidal cases;

(b) if so, the details of such cases including attempt to suicide in the last 5 years; and

(c) what steps the Ministry is taking to check this problem?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The number of cases of suicide and attempted suicide in the Army during last 5 years are as follows:-

Year	Suicide cases	Attempted suicide
2002	80	10
2003	96	16
2004	100	14
2005	77	15
2006	120	34
2007 (upto 13.8.2007)	70	14